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2. R.N. Datta, "A Review on Heat and Reversion Resistance Compounding", *Progress in Rubber, Plastics and Recycling Technology*, Vol. 19, No. 3, 2003, pp. 143-170 (XP009029577).
3. M. Abele et al., "Handbuch für die Gummi-Industrie", May 1, 1971, pp. 319, 326-327; table 3.4.1.6 (XP-002277985).
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,717,038 issued February 10, 1998, to Hörpel et al.
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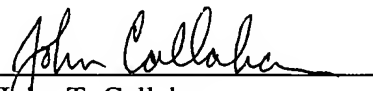
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